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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2003, please reconsider this application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Several mycobacterial antigens are presently being exploited in the development of improved vaccines and serodiagnostic reagents. A 38-kDa antigen of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* was evaluated as a potential immunodiagnostic reagent ~~(1)~~. Wilkinson R.J., Haslov, K., Rappuoli, R., Giovannoni, F., Narayanan, P.R., Desai, C.R., Vordermeier, H.M., Paulsen, J., Pasvol, G., Ivanyi, J., and Singh, M. Evaluation of the recombinant 38-kilodalton antigen of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* as a potential immunodiagnostic reagent. *J. Clin. Microbiol.* 35(3): 553-7. Mar 1997. More specifically, serological tests pursuant to this method found a 72.6 % sensitivity of the test in comparison with that of culture, and the specificity was reported as 94.9%.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figure 3 shows a ~~top~~ side view of an alternative embodiment of the present invention.--

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